

D. KENT MICHIE Insurance Commissioner Utah Insurance Department

JOHN 'MICKEY' BRAUN, JR, CIE Assistant Commissioner Office of the Commissioner

Bail Bond Oversight Board Meeting

Meeting Information

<u>Date</u>: May 21, 2008 <u>Time</u>: Noon <u>Place</u>: Beehive Room, East Building

(behind the Capitol)

Board Members (Attendees = x)

xDominic Sanone, <u>Chairman</u> xWayne Carlos, <u>Vice-Chairman</u>

xClayton A. Simms, LLCxMichael WeddingtonxCamille L. NeiderxBert ChristensonxMickey BraunxMegan I. Corrent

Insurance Department Staff

xPerri Babalis Darrel Powell xTara Buehner xTracy Klausmeier

xJilene Whitby xRobert Herrera xConnie Nowland

MINUTES

Welcome at Noon

Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

General Session (Open to the Public)

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Wayne made the **motion** to adopt the minutes, Mike seconded it and the vote was unanimous in its favor.

- Approval of Recommended Actions from Executive Session None
- Application / Mickey Braun
 - o Bail West LLC

Camille **moved** to accept the application, Wayne seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

- Old Business
 - o Review Changes to Rules R590-186 & 196
 - Mickey reviewed changes to the rules. The reference to "per defendant" has been changed to "per individual" in both rules.
 - Dominic and Mickey agreed that the definition of an "Individual Posting" could be one or multiple bonds issued for the same defendant at the same time with one fee of 10%.
 - Dominic said that people who are calling him know the bail bond minimum is 10% but sometimes they need a payment plan. He thought that by changing the minimum to 10% would simplify matters. He suggested waiting a year to see how things work out with the rule changes. The problem may have rectified itself already. Wayne agreed. Mike said competition in the marketplace was the best way to handle problems normally. He agreed that they didn't have the solution to the problem yet.

- Mickey suggested putting the rules through the formal rulemaking process to get comments from industry, then if they should be put into effect or not.
- Perri reminded everyone that there was still a suit in place that could be activated if the rules are eliminated. Camille asked if the Bail Bond Association were okay with the rule changes. Dominic and Wayne said they were. Mickey said that the rulemaking process required them to contact interested parties for feedback before starting the formal rulemaking process, which they did.
- Dominic asked how the department would investigate a complaint? Mickey said they
 investigated complaints received. The department would need to substantiate the 12
 discounted bonds through an audit.
- Camille made the motion to start the formal rulemaking process. Dominic seconded it and the vote was unanimous.
- o Scheduled hearing and meeting for July 16, at 10 and 11am.
- New Business
- *Adjourn:* At 12:50pm Bert made a **motion** to adjourn, Wayne seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

2008 Meetings

Beehive Rm.

Jul 16, Capitol Board RmOct 15, Beehive RoomAug 20, Capitol Board RmNov 19, Beehive RoomSep 17, Capitol Board RmDec 17, Beehive Room